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TAGS: UN, PFOR, TS, IS

SUBJ: TUNISIA OPPOSES ISRAEL'S SUSPENSION FROM UN

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1. SUMMARY: FONMIN CHATTI INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT WHILE SYMPATHETIC "IN PRINCIPLE," GOT OPPOSES SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN FOR PRACTICAL REASONS THAT THIS ACTION (A) WOULD SEEMINGLY COMPLICATE U.S. PEACE EFFORTS IN NEAR EAST; (B) WOULD BE FROWNED UPON BY TUNISIA'S EUROPEAN FRIENDS, INCLUDING TITO; AND (C) WOULD WORK TO DISADVANTAGE OF WHOLE UN STRUCTURE. TUNISIA, HOWEVER, CANNOT "STAND ALONE" IN  
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FACE OF POSSIBLE OVERWHELMING ARAB CONSENSUS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI AUGUST 5 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL (A) RE SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN. IN ESSENCE, AMBASSADOR STRESSED CONTINUING IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO UN, AND IDENTIFIED MAIN PROBLEM AREAS OF: (A) BLOC VOTING; (B) EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE MEMBER STATES; AND (C) EFFORTS TO "LEGISLATE" A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.

3. AMBASSADOR ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESS STATEMENT MADE PREVIOUS DAY BY FOREIGN MINISTER CONCERNING ALLEGED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT OF SECURITY COUNCIL TO EXCLUDE A MEMBER STATE AND PREROGATIVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REFUSE TO ALLOW MEMBER STATE TO PARTICIPATE. DID THIS STATEMENT REPRESENT GOT POSITION?

4. CHATTI RESPONDED BY FIRST ADDRESSING GENERAL QUESTION OF PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UN. HE SAID THAT FROM STANDPOINT OF "PRINCIPLE" OR THEORY, TUNISIAN CONSIDERS SUSPENSION ACTION JUSTIFIED AS LONG AS ISRAEL FAILS TO IMPLEMENT WHOLE SERIES OF UN RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY BOTH SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, TUNISIA OPPOSES SUSPENSION ACTION BECAUSE SUCH ACTION: (A) WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE U.S. PEACE EFFORTS IN NEAR EAST; (B) WOULD BE FROWNED UPON BY TUNISIA'S EUROPEAN FRIENDS, WHICH HAS RELEVANCE BOTH RE TUNISIA'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE AND ITS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A FRUITFUL ASSOCIATION WITH THE EEC (CHATTI SAID TITO ALSO OPPOSES SUSPENSION ACTION); AND (C) WOULD WORK TO DISADVANTAGE OF WHOLE UN STRUCTURE.

T. ACCORDINGLY, CONTINUED CHATTI, GOT WILL CONTINUE QUIETLY TO OPPOSE EFFORTS OF ARAB "EXTREMISTS" TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE UN -- AT LEAST FOR PRESENT. GOT HAD ALREADY DONE SO WITHIN ARAB LEAGUE CIRCLES AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO AT ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1. CHATTI SAID HE COULD NOT PERSONALLY ATTEND SINCE HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA, BUT THAT HIS STAND-IN WOULD BE CAREFULLY INSTRUCTED IN THIS REGARD. CHATTI CONFIDENTIAL

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CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT TUNISIA CANNOT "STAND ALONE" AGAINST DOMINANT ARAB CURRENTS AND THAT IF ARAB "CONSENSUS" AT UNGA WERE IN FAVOR OF ISRAELI EXPULSION, GOT WOULD HAVE TO GO ALONG.

6. CHATTI SAID THAT REASON FOR FOREGOING IS THAT FOR TUNISIA TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE MODERATION WITHIN ARAB

CIRCLES, IT HAS TO MAINTAIN SOME DEGREE OF LEVERAGE. TO  
VOTE AGAINST A MOVE WHICH IS VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS WOULD NOT  
ONLY ACHIEVE NOTHING, BUT WOULD IMPAIR TUNISIA'S CONTINUING  
ROLE OF ADVANCING MODERATION IN ARAB COUNCILS. WHEN  
AMBASSADOR INTERJECTED THAT TUNISIA IS UNLIKELY TO BE  
ALONE IN OPPOSING ISRAEL'S SUSPENSION SINCE AT LEAST EGYPT,  
JORDAN, LEBANON AND MOROCCO COULD PRESUMABLY BE COUNTED  
UPON TO OPPOSE SUSPENSION ACTION, CHATTI SAID THAT GOT  
WOULD INDEED TRY TO WORK WITH THESE GOVERNMENTS IN COMMON EFFORT.

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7. WITH REGARD TO HIS PRESSSTATEMENT OF PREVIOUS DAY,  
CHATTI CLAIMED THAT UNGA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAS  
AUTHORITY TO CIRCUMSCRIBE THE "ACTIVITIES" OF A MEMBER  
STATE, AS HAD BEEN THE CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER,

HE REITERATED TUNISIA'S POSITION AGAINST ISRAEL'S  
SUSPENSION AND SAID THAT HE WOULD READ WITH INTEREST DURING  
HIS COMING VACATION U.S. LEGAL POSITION ON ISRAELI  
SUSPENSION ISSUE (WHICH AMBASSADOR LEFT WITH HIM AND  
WHICH INTER ALIA DISCUSSES PROPER ROLE OF UNGA CREDENTIALS  
COMMITTEE).

8. RE CURRENT UN TENDENCY TO BLOC VOTING, CHATTI COMMENTED  
THAT THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF VOTING AT UN: MAJORITY VOTE OR,  
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AS IN CASE OF "AN IMPORTANT QUESTION," TWO-THIRDS VOTE.  
THESE ARE PROVIDED BY THE UN CHARTER AND NO OTHER VOTING  
SYSTEM HAS YET BEEN DEvised. HE CONCEDED THAT THIRD WORLD  
COUNTRIES ARE WIELDING DISPROPORTIONATE POWER BY VIRTUE OF  
THEIR NUMBERS AND THAT IT IS NONSENSICAL TO CONSIDER, FOR  
EXAMPLE, THAT THE U.S. AND THE MALDIVES SHOULD BE EQUAL.  
AT THE SAME TIME, HE NOTED THAT IN EARLY DAYS OF UN IT WAS  
U.S. AND ITS FRIENDS THAT WIELDED PARTICULARLY DOMINANT  
INFLUENCE. FURTHERMORE, RIGHT OF VETO BY SI

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